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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: D. Nathasingh et al. Group Art Unit: 2832
Serial No.: 08/918,194 Examiner: Tuyen T. Nguyen
Filed: August 21, 1997
For: SEGMENTED TRANSFORMER CORE
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Morristown, NJ 07960
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Rewrite claims 1 and 28 as follows:

1. A transformer core comprising a plurality of segments, each of which comprises of a plurality of packets, said packets each comprising a pre-determined number of groups of cut amorphous metal strips arranged in a step-lap joint pattern, each of said segments having been formed and annealed and said core having been assembled from said annealed segments, and wherein at least one core segment has a C-segment, I-segment or straight segment construction.

28. (Twice Amended) For use in a segmented transformer core, a transformer core segment comprising a plurality of packets, each of which comprises a pre-